Irrigation Potential

2314. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the irrigation potential created by major and medium irrigation projects in the country during the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on these projects during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Details of irrigation potential created in the country by major and medium irrigation projects and corresponding expenditure during the Seventh Plan and during the first four years of Eighth Five Year Plan are as under :

Plan Period	Irrigation Potential created (million hectares)	Expenditure (Rs. crores)
During VII Plan (1985-90)	2.22	11107.29
During Annual Plans (1990-92)	0.82	5459.15
During VIII Plan (1992-97)		
1992-94	0.86	6762.72
1994-96	1.44 (anticipated)	8643.56 (anticipated)

Ongoing Projects in Maharashtra

2315. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ongoing major and medium projects in Maharashtra with their estimated cost and irrigation potential, project-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of projects have slipped both in terms of estimated cost and period of completion;

(c) if so, the details of time and cost escalation/ slippage, project-wise and reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have taken a critical review of execution of irrigation projects in Maharashtra and identified projects with poor execution performance resulting in high escalation in cost and special action proposed for their early completion; and

(e) whether the Government have made adequate arrangement to ensure that funds allocated for each project is not allowed to be diverted by the State Government and the extent of such diversion of funds taken place in Maharashtra during the last ten years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Details of ongoing major and medium irrigation projects of Maharashtra are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Generally, the time of completion of major projects is taken as 16-20 years and medium projects as 5 years. The actual time of completion depends upon the size of the project. The important factors responsible for delay in execution of the projects are non-availability of adequate funds, problems in acquisition of land, rehabilitation & resettlement, public agitation contractual problems, change in design and scope of the project during implementation etc. The factors responsible for cost escalation are rise in prices during implementation, change in design and scope of the project, inadequate provision for land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement and other items at the time of preparation of the estimate etc.

(d) Performance of ongoing irrigation projects is reviewed in the Annual Plan discussions with the officials of the States.

(e) Irrigation is a State subject and funds for their execution are allocated by the States in their budget. The Central assistance to the States is in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any sector of development or the project.

STATEMENT

Details of Ongoing Major & Medium Projects of Maharashtra

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of Project	Plan in which started	Latest Estimated Cost	Cumul. Expdr. upto 3/96	Outlay for 1996-97 proposed by State	Ultimate Potential
1	2	3	4	5	6
(a) Major					
1. Jayakwadi St. I & II	V	796.87	627.09	15.00	141.64 135.57
2. Bhatsa	V	322.49	57.40	6.00	42.55